

For the past 35 years of my 38-year marriage, my husband Patrick and I have created a life for us in Payson. Beginning as restaurateurs, we owned and operated a successful restaurant for 20 years, employing many Payson teens and adults along the way. Now, semi-retired, I volunteer as the acting chair on the Town of Payson Design Review Board, I am the president of the Payson Senior Center Board and the Treasurer of the Mogollon Sporting Association.

My relationship with Payson Unified School District began when my two daughters entered Julia Randall Elementary School. Karen, my younger daughter, a PUSD graduate, is now a first grade teacher at Payson Elementary School. When she was a student, I worked in the high school office as the attendance secretary. Sometime afterward, my husband taught math and Computer Aided Drafting at the high school. Currently, seven of my grandchildren are attending four of our five district schools. As a frequent volunteer in our schools, I have also served as a member of the PUSD governing board for the past four years. All of these experiences have provided me different perspectives of our school system, while also leaving me feeling very connected to our students and staff.

Because of my concern for children and my interest in education, I would like to continue my work on the PUSD school board and ask for your support. Please vote for Barbara Underwood in the general election. Thank you.